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Honorable Joseph Clark Baldwin

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Dear Joe:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 17, enclosing your proposed plan for an "American Association for the Tropics."

Your plan has been carefully read, and it is my opinion that, if you have not done so, it would be of real value for you to discuss it with someone in the Nelson A. Rockefeller Organization, as I believe they are engaged in activities very similar to those in which you are interested, and should be most knowledgeable and helpful to you.

While it is difficult to estimate the degree of acceptability which such a program would have with the peoples of the areas concerned, it seems to me that certain of the points which the plan makes are very sound, and that there is a genuine need for some kind of action along the indicated lines.

Sincerely yours,

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Walter B. Smith
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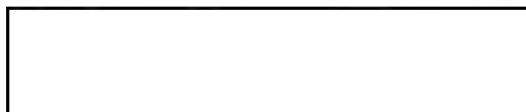
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December 17, 1951

Dear "Beadle"

I send you the enclosed for your private, confidential reading. It is a plan that I have been developing over some time and that I believe to be of great potential importance to American national interests. I would be very grateful to you for reading the enclosed and for returning it to me with your candid opinion. My present intention is to set this organization up and head it in the right way. Your judgment on this will be of utmost importance to me.

Sincerely,

Joseph Clark Baldwin

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